

United States District Court

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

COURT MINUTES

HON. **DAVID E. JONES**, presiding.

Deputy Clerk: Katina Hubacz

DATE: **July 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.**

Court Reporter: FTR Gold

CASE NO. **16-CR-64**

Time Called: 10:30:54

UNITED STATES v. **RONALD H. VAN DEN HEUVEL, et al.** Time Concluded: 10:47:07

PROCEEDING: **TELEPHONE STATUS CONFERENCE**

UNITED STATES by: **Mel Johnson, Matthew Krueger**

DEFENDANT: **RONALD H. VAN DEN HEUVEL (PRO SE)**

Here to discuss status of retaining new counsel, which deft had indicated at the last hearing, he was in the process of doing.

Deft Ronald Van Den Heuvel:

- meet w/Atty Steinle on Tuesday. Have all documents signed and exchanged. Atty Steinle is waiting satisfaction of retainer. Had to move some assets to get the required retainer. At this point, can't give date as to when will have this completed.
- if \$200,000 on house is released, can put for retainer
- deft feels Govt is inaccurate on assessment of financial matters. Will get funding. Was waiting for appraisal on house and that has been completed last week.

Govt:

- disagree with Deft. Didn't put up money for bond. Was property bond on house residing in, which he doesn't own. Is owned by company. No money put up to retain counsel.
- believe deft often makes financial promises that does not follow through on. Has poor credibility on financial matters.
- feel is actually indigent and would suggest consideration to appointing counsel
- feel lack of counsel is holding up case

Court:

- thinking about recommending bond payment be released to deft to ship funds to account held by US to fund Atty Steinle's retainer
- discuss possibility of appointing counsel. If does come into money, then can reimburse.

- guaranteed counsel but not guaranteed right to choose which counsel would like

Court ORDERS counsel be appointed, with the condition that if something changes and deft can reimburse, to extent deft is financially capable, he will be expected to reimburse CJA fund.

Have status conference set for tomorrow and would like new counsel to appear for that. If can't, will left Mr. Van Den Heuvel know.

Deft:

- would accept appointment by Craig Albee

- would like to talk to new attorney to make sure he will be able to represent deft

- Judge Griesbach ordered papers be returned but still have not been able to obtain. He needs his papers returned.

- has question re \$200,000 bond. Deft is directed to discuss with US Attorney.